

Wednesday, September 8. 1708.

London, Septembe 8.

Yesterday arriv'd the Mail from Holland of Friday last.

From the Amsterdam Gazette, dated Sept. 14.

Naples, Aug. 21.

SOME Persons commission'd to buy up Provisions for the Fleet commanded by Admiral Leake, are come hither to provide Stores of divers Kinds against his Arrival. After the Expedition against the Island of Sardinia is over, we expect that Fleet here; and Order is given for having in a Readyness the Cannon, Mortars, and Bombs, which are to be embark'd for the Expedition against Sicily: General Carrisa continues at Reggio, with the Troops design'd to be employ'd in that Expedition.

From the Amsterdam Gazette, dated Sept. 14. &c.

Leghorne, Aug. 24. 4 English and Dutch Men of War which were here, are sail'd, and have joyn'd at Sea others which had taken Money on board at Genoa for the Service of the Fleet commande by Admiral Leake, who is at prent in Sardinia. Some Barks arriv'd from thence bring an Account, that Cagliari the Capital of that Island submitted to King Charles III, after two Days Bombardment; and that after the intire Reduction of that Kingdom, the Fleet is to sail for the Coast of Sicily. By a Bark arriv'd from Barcelona we learn, that they have a very plentiful Harvest in Catalonia.

They write from Milan the 1st of September importing, that they expected Letters from the Confederate Fleet, to confirm the taking of Cagliari and the Reduction of all Sardinia, of which they had yet receiv'd no Account other than what Vessels arriv'd at Leghorne and Genoa had reported,

From the Harl. and Amst. Cour. dated Sept. 13. &c.

From the Camp before Lisle, Sept. 8. Yesterday in the Evening, the Trenches before Lisle were mounted by 10 Battalions of Imperialists, Hessians, and Palatines; who supported the Grenadiers, Fusileers, and Workmen, which about 3 at Night storm'd the Counterscarp in 6 Places, viz. 4 at the Attack of the Director du Mee on the Left, and 2 at the Attack of M. des Roques on the Right: They march'd up with the greatest Intrepidity, drove the Enemy from the Pallisades, and some of them leap'd into the Cover'd-Way, where they took 4 Officers and some Prisoners: But before they could make their Lodgments, they endur'd a terrible Fire from the Enemy's Works, which with the springing of 3 Mines kill'd or wounde 15 Ingeniers and 15 or 1600 Men. The Swiss Colonel Hursel, was the first who with his Grenadiers gain'd the Counterscarp, and as he turn'd about to encourage the rest, he was shot into the Shoulder-blade and disabled from further Service. King Augustus, the Duke of Wirtemberg, the Landgrave of Hesse Cassel, and Prince Eugene of Savoy, din'd Yesterday with the Prince of Nassau; and at 3 a Clock these eminent Persons went into the Trenches, in which Prince Eugene and the Prince of Nassau staid till Midnight. The Sentiments of our Officers concerning the Time the Siege may still last, are various; some thinking the Town must soon be ours, others that the taking it will give us more Work than we imagin'd: In one thing both our Generals and Soldiers agree, that 'tis strange and unaccountable the Garrison, tho' so numerous, should not in all this Time have made one Salley to hinder us in carrying on our Works. The Number of our Men employ'd Yesterday at both Attacks, that is to say Soldiers, Workmen, and those who carry'd up the Gabions, amounted all together to 10460. Deserters and Prisoners report, that the Marshal de Boufflers has made Intrenchments within the Place, to defend it to the utmost; but the Breaches being wide enough for a Battillion to mount in Front, and we being provided with a prodigious Number of Passines for filling up the Ditch, hope to carry the Town within a few Days.

An Extract of a Letter from an Officer in the Palatine Service.

From the Camp before Lisle, Sept. 9. The 7th at Night we made our selves Masters of the Counterscarp by Assault, after a fierce Dispute, and made Lodgments on it. I have not yet the List

of the kill'd and wounded; but 'tis certain our Loss was great. Of our Regiment of Palatine Guards, we lost, in the Assault and during the Night, 100 Men: The Regiment of Feckenbach lost more: And by this you may judge of the rest. We find greater Difficulty, and the Siege goes on more slowly than we had imagin'd: This is owing to Misunderstanding and Diffention between our Directors of Approaches; and hence it is, that they have attack'd the Town in the strongest Part: Each of those Gentlemen would have his separate Attack.

From the Amsterdam Gazette, dated Sept. 14.

From the Camp at Fretin, Sept. 10. The Night between the 8th and 9th, the Trenches were mounted by the usual Number of Battalions; of the English Sir Richard Temple was the commanding Brigadier, and the Regiments of Godfrey and Ingoldsby were on Duty. The Lodgements on the Saillant Angles of the Counterscarp of the Hornworks and Tenaille were perfected, and on the Left a Battery was rais'd to ruine the said Tenaille, which is on the Deule between the two Attacks. A Souterrain was begun likewise, for piercing into the Cover'd-Way, and 'twas finish'd the 9th at Night. Also a Battery was made on the Right, to ruine intirely the Hornwork; and at the Angle of the Counterscarp of that Work, a Descent was made in two places into the Cover'd-Way. The Night between the 9th and 10th the Trenches were reliev'd by 10 Battalions as before, those of Lalo and Sabin being two of them. The Communication of our Works was continued along the Pallisades. The Enemy made a Sally that Night with about 1200 Men, to endeavour to nail our Cannon which are advanc'd to the Glacis, and to level our foremost Works; but were immediately repuls'd with Loss. The 8th the Enemy advanc'd with their Foragers within almost a Mile of the Duke of Marlborough's Quarter at Fretin: Immediately two English Battalions, [those of Temple and How,] were order'd to their Arms, and march'd directly against the Enemy, repuls'd them as far as Ennevelin where they posted themselves in the Castle, which is encompass'd with Walls and two Ditches. Our Men resolv'd to beat them out of it, and attack'd them about an Hour; but the Enemy caus'd all the Grenadiers and the Piquet of 6 Brigades, which encamp before their Army near Pont a Marque, to advance: Whereupon it being consider'd that that Post could not be forc'd without Artillery, and without supporting our two Battalions with all our Infantry, which was not judg'd convenient, those Battalions were call'd off; after they had continually charg'd the Enemy, and hinder'd them from advancing a Foot, tho' they were 4 times Stronger. Of those Battalions 3 or 4 Officers were Kill'd, and others wounded; and about 120 Men disabled. The 10th in the Morning the Enemy made a small Motion, advancing their Right, which was stretch'd towards Birsce, nearer to Pont a Marque, to maintain that Post and that of the Castle of Ennevelin. Our Intrenchment is now finish'd, and the Artillery is plac'd on it at the Places necessary. The Duke of Marlborough is gone to Day to dine with Prince Eugene. Thursday or Friday 'tis hop'd all will be ready before Lisle, for giving a general Assault on the Town.

From the Army of the Allies commanded by the Duke of Marlborough, encamp'd at Fretin, Sept. 13. My Lord Duke had an Account the 11th Instant in the Morning, that the Enemy's Army were advancing towards us; and about Noon he had a further Account that Part of their Troops were come into the Plain before the Village of Antie, which being situate near the Centre of our Intrenchments, his Grace had caus'd the Brigadiers Evans and Wertmuller to be posted there with two Brigades of Foot, and Works to be thrown up for its Defence. Hereupon our Army stood to their Arms, and were soon joyn'd by Prince Eugene with the same Number of Battalions and Squadrons which he brought on the 5th from the Siege. The Enemy having rais'd a Battery of Artillery against the said Village, began about 4 in the Afternoon to fire upon it, and continu'd firing till it was dark. My Lord Duke, Prince Eugene, and M. d' Auverquerque kept in the Field all that Night. The 12th about 7 in the Morning the Enemy renew'd their Fire on the Village, and continu'd it most part of the Day; yet without damaging the Works cast up for its Defence, or killing or wounding us above 40 or 50 Men. Last Night the Enemy's Army extended their Right to the

Marque, and their Left to Seclin: And to Day have lain quiet and forbore Cannōading. This Morning Prince Eugene return'd with his Troops to the Siege. We have Intelligence, that M. de Chamillard arriv'd in the Enemies Army the 10th, and went back to Court Yesterday. We were join'd Yesterday by the Earl of Albemarle with his 30 Squadrons, with which he had been sent to secure our Convoy from Brussels: He has left that Convoy safe at Menin. We are encamp'd in a Manner proper to receive the Enemy if they make any further Attempt.

From the Amst. Cour. and Gaz. dated Sept. 14. and 15.

Brussels, Sept. 13. We were in no little Pain for a Convoy of 400 Waggon's laden with Ammunition, and 9 Cannon, which went from hence the 8th with a Detachment of this Garrison. But the 11th at Noon M. Pascal our Governour return'd hither with the Detachment, after he had seen that Convoy to a Place of Safety: For it seems, the Duke of Marlborough having Intelligence that Detachments from the Enemy's Army and from their Body left at Ghent under the Count de la Mothe, were march'd to endeavour to intercept that Convoy, his Grace sent the Earl of Albemarle with 30 Squadrons to meet it, which he did at Gramont and thence guarded it to Audenarde. As soon as the Enemy heard it was arriv'd at Audenarde, they return'd to the Places from whence they came. We are preparing to send another Convoy, greater than the former. Since the taking of the Counterscarp of Lisse, 2 Batteries have been rais'd, to ruine the Works on both Sides in Order to the storming of the Breach. The Marshal de Boufflers has made strong Intrenchments behind it, that he may stand a general Assault; and according to the Report of Defectors he has said, that he is resolv'd to die there with his Sword in his Hand. The coming of M. de Chamillard to the Enemy's Army, has occasion'd various Rumours; some say he brought Orders from the King for risking a set Battle; others, that those Orders are for the Princes to leave the Army, and resign the Command of it solely to the Duke of Vendome; and others that this Minister is empower'd to make Propositions of Peace.

From the Paris Letter, dated Sept. 7.

Paris, Sept. 10. A Letter from the King's Army, dated from the Camp of Mons en Pevellie the 6th of his Month, runs thus: "We came the 4th Instant from Orchies hither, in 4 Lines; our Right towards —, our Left towards Tumières, and the Body of Reserve with the Dragoons at Adigny on the Marque, which has not a drop of Water in it. The Enemy have their Right at Hennequin, in a Morass, having several hollow Ways before them. They have made Intrenchments and rais'd Batteries at Antie, which is a Village on their Left. The Army is preparing to file from hence into the Plain, by an Aperture of about a quarter of a League broad, and our Pioneers are making 3 Routes for our marching towards the Enemy and presenting our selves in Battle before them. Our heavy Artillery is marching by the Way of Phalampin, where will be our Left, over against the Enemy's Right, which is at the Village of Noyelles, as is their Centre at Templemars."

They write from Court, that Letters are come thither from the Marshal de Boufflers, which relate, that the Fire of the Besiegers was much diminish'd; whether because the Gunners of the Place, who are expert at Shooting, had dismounted the greatest Part of their Cannon; or because they choose to husband their Powder, of which 'twas said they began to be in Want; or because they had drawn off part of their Artillery from the Siege, to defend the Intrenchments of their Camp; was uncertain. These Letters confirm, that the Besiegers were the 6th above 30 Toises distant from the Counterscarp; that the Besieged had made frequent Sallies, always with Success, and with such moderate Loss that there were not 400 wounded in the Hospital: They add, that the Party-Leader la Croix had convey'd a Reinforcement of 2000 Men into the Place, which is so little streighten'd that two Gates were still open. We have Advice that the Count de la Mothe, who has 13 Battallions with a Body of Horse, is advanc'd between Audenarde and the Dender, to cut off the Enemy's Convoys. We hear no News of the Marshal de Villars. The Mail from Spain is not arriv'd: They write from Bayone, that they believ'd the Courier was kill'd. The Flota from the Havana brought by M. du Caffé into the Port of Passage, has on board 30 Millions of Pieces of Eight;

besides the Plate belonging to private Merchants, and to Passengers which came in those Ships.

From the Amsterdam Courant, dated Sept. 15.

Paris, Sept. 10. In the King's Army near Lisse, the Generals are at Variance: The Duke of Vendome was for attacking the Enemy as they lay near the Marque; the Duke of Berwick and others were of Opinion it would be best to forbear that Attack, till they had receiv'd more Artillery: Hereupon an Express was sent to the King: His Majesty would not give his Decision in Writing, but has sent M. de Chamillard to them. If a Battle be resolv'd, 'tis guess'd it will be fought to Morrow. Our Army consists, as is given out here, of 131 Battallions and 238 Squadrons, and has a Train of 170 Pieces of Artillery. Tho' M. de Chamillard be gone to the Army, under the Pretence of signifying verbally to the Generals the King's good Pleasure, whether they shall venture a general Engagement or not; yet many are of Opinion that he has Proposals of Peace to offer.

From the Harlem Courant, dated Sept. 15.

Paris, Sept. 10. Letters from Grenoble of the 2d Instant, say Fenestrelles held out still: But those from Lyons of the 6th tell us that Place began to Capitate the 1st; and that our Troops, which had retir'd towards Briançon, were follow'd by the Enemy's Army. We have receiv'd an Account, that the Enemy made themselves Masters of the Counterscarp of Lisse the 7th at Night, after a hard Dispute: Yet 'tis reckon'd the Marshal de Boufflers will hold out 8 or 10 Day longer; having made all necessary Dispositions to stand a general Storm, and particularly having caus'd 2 pallisaded Intrenchments, and deep Couppures, to be made within the Place, behind the Breach. Notwithstanding the Enemy have Intrench'd themselves, 'tis said the Duke of Burgundy will attempt the Relief of Lisse.

From the Antwerp Courant, dated Sept. 14. &c.

Paris, Sept. 10. By several Couriers our Court have Advice of the Loss of the Counterscarp of Lisse, after a bloody Action of 4 Hours; and that the Enemy's Army lie so strongly entrench'd between ours and Lisse, that 'tis judg'd almost impossible for the Duke of Burgundy to relieve the Place: Yet 'tis given out he will certainly attempt it. In the mean while our Court is in great Perplexity and Uneasiness, and hold frequent Councils of War, at which the Princes of the Blood and Marshals of France constantly assist. The general Rumour is, that the King has sent positive Order to the Duke of Burgundy, to hazard a Battle; and therefore the publick Prayers are continu'd without ceasing, and the Churches are so throng'd that 'tis difficult to find Entrance.

From the Amsterdam Courant, dated Sept. 15. &c.

Amsterdam, Sept. 14. Our Fleet from Groenland is safe arriv'd on our Coast, and are most of them already come into the Texel: They had a very good Whale fishing; and have brought home, one with another 4 Fish and one third each Ship. 15 Dutch and 5 English Ships from the East-Indies, are safe arriv'd also, under the Convoy of 10 or 12 Men of War; and lay at Anchor Yesterday off Egmont, being hinder'd by the strong Easterly Wind from entering into Harbour. The Fleet from New Spain which is arriv'd at Port Passage, consists of 8 Ships; viz. the Capitana, the Amirante, and the Perache, with Silver; and 5 Ships with Merchandize; all from Vera-Cruz; but no Register-Ship is come with this Fleet. They had 13 Men of War for their Convoy. All the Silver, whether belonging to the King or private Men, together with all the richest Goods, as Cochinell and Indigo, will be landed at Passage, and carried up to Madrid; but the grosser Commodities will be kept on board the Ships; which are to sail to Cadix. The Indulto on the Effects brought by this Fleet, is setled at 4 per Cent.

By her Majesty's Company of Comedians.

At the Theatre Royal in Drury-Lane, to Morrow being Thursday, the 9th of September, will be presented a Tragedy call'd Hamlet Prince of Denmark. The Part of Hamlet by Mr. Thurmond, being the first time of his performing it in England.

The late Goods of Mr. Richard Hide Woollen-Draper in Lombard-street, viz. Broad Cloths, Kerseys, Druggets, Camlets plain, Camlets strip'd and bar'd, Callamancoes strip'd and plain, and sundry sorts of Stuffs, &c. are to be Sold by the Candle at the Marine Coffee-house in Birch Lane on Friday the 10th Instant, at 2 in the Afternoon, and to be seen at the Out-ropers-Office upon the Royal Exchange till the time of Sale.